

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 8, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The Examiner is thanked for reviewing the application and for indicating the allowance of claims 2-15, 21, 23, and 25. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant has canceled claims 20, 22, 24, and 26, as shown above, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to claim the subject matter of the canceled claims in the future, as necessary. Claims 2-15, 21, 23 and 25 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

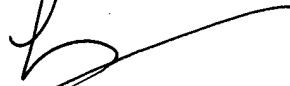
Claims 20 and 26 stand object to as containing informalities. In view of the cancellation of claims 20 and 26 above, the objection is rendered as moot.

Claims 24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Haeggstrom (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,040 – hereinafter Haeggstrom). Further, claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Haeggstrom in view of Suvanen (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0049052 – hereinafter Suvanen). In view of the cancellation of claims 20, 24, and 26, as shown above, the prior art rejections are rendered as moot.

In view of the cancellation of claims 20, 22, 24, and 26, there is no pending objection or rejection, and this application is respectfully requested to be passed to issuance with claims 2-15, 21, 23, and 25.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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